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Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in the European Search Report of corresponding PCT/JP2004/000850 application. One other document was cited in the Search Report – JP 2002/125721 A. Applicant notes that this document was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 20, 2006 in the above-referenced application.

A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed along with any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The Examiner may also wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art

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status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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